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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. One of the references were recently cited in a Supplemental European Search Report mailed March 30, 2006. A copy of the search report is enclosed. The remaining references are of record in Serial No. 10/521,234. As this co-pending application already was cited in a double patenting rejection, it is believed that no copy of the application is needed. Copies of the references also are available in that application, but are provided herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Goodwin et al. reference on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract has been provided for references JP 11-196-897 and JP 10-210967.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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